GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SCAM IN IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported scam of Rs. 20 crores in the irrigation department of Ganga Naher;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct CBI inquiry into the said scam; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, the primary responsibilityfor planning, investigating, funding, executing, operating and maintaining irrigation projects, including drainage and flood control projects, rests with the State Governments. It is therefore for the State Governments to take appropriate action on irregularities, if any, in the execution of irrigation and flood control projects.